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Abstract

We present a new formulation of the classical two-dimensional standing wave problem which makes transparent the (seemingly mysterious) elimination of the quadratic terms made in [6]. Despite the presence of infinitely many resonances, corresponding to an infinite dimensional kernel of the linearized operator, we solve the infinite dimensional bifurcation equation by uncoupling the critical modes up to cubic order, via a Lyapunov-Schmidt like process. This is done without using a normalization of the cubic order terms as in [6], where the computation contains a mistake, although the conclusion was in the end correct. Then we give all possible bifurcating formal solutions, as powers series of the amplitude (as in [6]), with an *arbitrary number, possibly infinite, of dominant modes*.

1 Introduction

The two-dimensional standing wave problem for a potential flow with a free surface has attracted lot of interest since Stokes, and specially very recently. In particular the existence question in the case of finite depth has a solution thanks to the work of Plotnikov and Toland [7]. They use, in an essential way, the fact that for most of the values of the depth, the kernel of the linearized operator is one dimensional. The complication there comes from a small divisor problem in the control of the norm of the inverse of the linearized operator near the solution (because, as seems unavoidable, they use the Nash Moser theorem). In the present paper we consider the infinite depth case and we do not prove the existence of a solution (still an open problem), but instead we give a new formulation of the problem, and use it to show the existence of formal solutions in the form of power series in the amplitude, with infinitely many possibilities for the choice of the dominant modes. *This solves the algebraic problem of the infinitely many resonances*, which are not present in the finite depth case. This result was also obtained in our previous work [6], where the formulation used is

non so transparent. The presentation here is drastically different from [6]. We propose a new formulation in terms of analytic functions instead of Fourier series. In addition a mistake (very hidden), which occurred in the computation of resonant cubic terms in [6], is corrected below. The results are (miraculously) the same as in [6].

Let us notice in addition that we do not use here a hamiltonian formulation, as it was introduced by Zakharov [9], and which was used in particular in [5], [3], [4]. These authors consider the evolutionary problem for spatially periodic solutions, and consider the normal form of the hamiltonian infinite dimensional vector field. The absence of resonant terms at quadratic order of the vector field is shown, and the resonant cubic terms in the vector field are computed by Craig and Worfolk in [3], showing that the system is integrable if truncated at cubic order, as was announced by Dyachenko and Zakharov in [5], and not integrable if considered at higher order. In the present work, we give explicitly the complete form of the system without quadratic terms, obtained after a simple change of variables not needing a hamiltonian formulation. Moreover, the infinite set of bifurcation equations, leading to the infinite set of formal solutions for the standing wave problem, is obtained with no need of killing the non resonant terms by a new change of variables. In principle the principal part of this set of equations might be obtained directly with the work done in [3], since these authors have all possible solutions of the system truncated at cubic order, however we prefer to stay at a more elementary and explicit level, for preparing the work for a future proof of the existence of all these standing waves.

Let us now explain in detail our result. We denote by $y < h(x, t)$ the region occupied by the liquid, where h is the height of the free surface and we look for time periodic (period T), and x -periodic flows (wave length λ). Choosing respectively $T/2\pi, \lambda/2\pi, \lambda/T, \lambda^2/2\pi T$ as scales of time, length, velocity and potential, we obtain the dimensionless system of equations for the potential $\phi(x, y, t)$ and height h :

$$\Delta\phi = 0, \quad \text{in } -\infty < y < h(x, t), \quad (1)$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial h}{\partial x} - v &= 0 \\ \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \frac{1}{2}(u^2 + v^2) + (1 + \mu)h &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad \text{on } y = h(x, t), \quad (2)$$

where the velocity components (u, v) satisfy $u = \partial\phi/\partial x, v = \partial\phi/\partial y$, and where $1 + \mu = gT^2/2\pi\lambda$, g being the acceleration due to gravity. We denote by $f(z, t) = \phi(x, y, t) + i\psi(x, y, t)$ the complex potential, analytic in the domain $\text{Im } z < h(x, t)$, where $z = x + iy$, and ψ is the stream function. In the following we are interested in solutions such that

$$\begin{aligned} f(z + 2\pi, t) &= f(z, t + 2\pi) = f(z, t), \\ h(x + 2\pi, t) &= h(x, t + 2\pi) = h(x, t), \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

with evenness properties in t

$$\begin{aligned} f(z, -t) &= -f(z, t), \\ h(x, -t) &= h(x, t), \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

and *invariant by vertical mirror symmetry* (as in [1])

$$\begin{aligned} f(-\bar{z}, t) &= \bar{f}(z, t), \\ h(-x, t) &= h(x, t). \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

This analyticity imposes a special form of the Fourier expansions in x , so that we can write

$$\begin{aligned} f(z, t) &= \sum_{p \geq 0} f_p(t) e^{-ipz}, \\ \phi(x, y, t) &= \sum_{p \geq 0} \operatorname{Re}(f_p(t) e^{-ipx}) e^{py}, \\ h(x, t) &= \sum_{p \geq 0} \operatorname{Re}(h_p(t) e^{-ipx}). \end{aligned}$$

The linearized system of (1), (2) near 0 (a flat free surface) with boundary conditions (4,5) gives solutions of the form

$$\begin{aligned} h(x, t) &= \cos qt \cos px, \\ \phi(x, y, t) &= -\frac{q}{p} e^{py} \sin qt \cos px, \end{aligned}$$

provided that $(1 + \mu)p = q^2$. This gives *non zero solutions whenever* $(1 + \mu)$ *is a positive rational number* r/s . Then $q = kr$, $p = k^2 rs$, $k = 1, 2, \dots$ give *infinitely many linearly independent solutions for the same values of* μ . We shall consider the case where $(1 + \mu)$ is near 1, since all other cases reduce to this case after a suitable rescaling: dividing the scale of time by r , and the length scale by rs , multiplies $(1 + \mu)$ by s/r .

The fact that at any rational μ , there is an infinite dimensional set of solutions creates big difficulties, known as "*infinitely many resonances*". Indeed, for any solution of the problem, the nonlinear terms of the system have to satisfy infinitely many conditions!

In the paper [1], Amick & Toland justified the algorithmic approach conjectured by Schwartz & Whitney [8]. Looking for solutions symmetric under reflexion $x \rightarrow -x$ and even in time t , they prove that if one chooses the dominant mode as $h(x, t) = \varepsilon \cos t \cos x$, the resonances do not arise at any stage of the computation of the expansion in powers of ε , where $\varepsilon = 2\sqrt{\mu}$. In this approach, the system is expressed in the form of an infinite system of coupled ordinary differential equations in the time-periodic spatial Fourier series components of the standing wave.

In what follows, we start with the formulation of [8] and [1], and reformulate the problem in terms of analytic functions on the complex half plane. In addition to the resonance problem mentioned above, the occurrence of quadratic terms in [1] is the source of major difficulties, due to the coupling of each mode with infinitely many other modes, and a direct application of a Lyapunov-Schmidt like method does not seem tractable. We derive below a new formulation *without quadratic terms*, using a suitable choice of variables and coordinates. This formulation explains the mysterious change of variables made in [6] and has the advantage to be hopefully useful for further analysis on the existence of standing waves (beyond what is done below).

With such a formulation, we are able to solve the infinitely - many - resonances problem, using, as in [6] a Lyapunov-Schmidt type of method for proving that one can construct the expansion in powers of $\varepsilon = 2\sqrt{\mu}$, in taking a dominant part of the height $h(x, t)$ of the form

$$h(x, t) \sim \varepsilon \sum_{q \in I} \frac{(\pm 1)_q}{q^2} \cos q^2 x \cos qt$$

where the number of basic modes given by $I \subset \mathbb{N}$ *may be infinite*, and $(\pm 1)_q = \pm 1$. This general result is in accordance with the numerical results of Bryant and Stiassnie [2] who considered the cases $I = \{1, 2\}$ and $I = \{1, 2, 3\}$.

An important feature of our new approach is that we do not need to put the cubic terms into normal form (contrary to the claim in [6], where, in addition, a mistake was made in the calculation of the normal form, here corrected in Appendix B, where the algebraic problem is completely solved). Indeed, it appears that such a normal form contains too many terms to be useful. A general Lyapunov-Schmidt technique is more flexible and better adapted for dealing with periodic problems.

Finally, it should be noted that our result is only valid for the formal expansions of these various "solutions" in powers of $\varepsilon = 2\sqrt{\mu}$, the convergence in some function space is still an open problem.

2 Notations

Let us denote by

$$\mathbb{C}_\delta = \mathbb{R} \times (-\infty, \delta), \quad \delta \geq 0$$

a domain in the complex plane \mathbb{C} shifted from the standard complex half plane (denoted here by \mathbb{C}_0). Now, for any continuous function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, 2π -periodic in ξ , define the analytic function $\mathcal{T}f$, for $\zeta \in \mathbb{C}_0$, by

$$\mathcal{T}f(\zeta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{f(\theta)}{e^{i(\zeta-\theta)} - 1} d\theta.$$

Then we have the following elementary properties.

Lemma 1 For any Lipschitz continuous function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, 2π - periodic in ξ , denote its Fourier series by

$$f(\xi) = \sum_{p \in \mathbb{Z}} f_p e^{-ip\xi}.$$

(a)

$$\mathcal{T}f(\zeta) = \sum_{p \geq 1} f_p e^{-ip\zeta},$$

holds, where $\zeta = \xi + i\eta \in \mathbb{C}_0$.

(b) If f is real-valued, then

$$f(\xi) = [f] + 2 \operatorname{Re} \mathcal{T}f|_{\eta=0},$$

where $[f]$ denotes the average of f over one period. If f is imaginary valued, then

$$f(\xi) = [f] + 2i \operatorname{Im} \mathcal{T}f|_{\eta=0}.$$

(c) If f is analytic on \mathbb{R} with a radius of convergence δ , then $\mathcal{T}f(\zeta)$ has an analytic continuation, also denoted by $\mathcal{T}f(\zeta)$, to \mathbb{C}_δ .

(d) If f has an analytic continuation in \mathbb{C}_0 , then

$$\mathcal{T}f(\zeta) = f(\zeta) - [f],$$

$$\mathcal{T}\bar{f}(\zeta) = 0.$$

About the point (c) notice that \mathcal{T} , as defined by the integral formula, is zero on $\mathbb{C}_\delta \setminus \{\text{closure of } \mathbb{C}_0\}$ (by Cauchy's integral formula). Another remark is that the periodic Hilbert transform \mathcal{C} is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}(e^{ip\xi}) &= -i \operatorname{sgn}(p) e^{ip\xi}, \quad p \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}, \\ &= 0 \text{ for } p = 0, \end{aligned}$$

and, for any Lipschitz continuous function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, 2π - periodic in ξ we have the identity

$$f - i\mathcal{C}f = [f] + 2\mathcal{T}f|_{\eta=0},$$

and when f is real-valued, the function $f - i\mathcal{C}f$ may be extended analytically in \mathbb{C}_0 , where our $\mathcal{T}f(\zeta)$ gives the extension.

3 Formulation of the problem

We use a variation of the formulation used in [1] and [8]. Let us introduce a time dependent conformal injection in \mathbb{C}_δ , for each $t \in \mathbb{R}$, defined by $\mathbb{I} + \tilde{Z}(\cdot, t)$ where $\mathbb{I}(\zeta) = \zeta$, $\zeta = \xi + i\eta$,

$$\tilde{Z}(\zeta + 2\pi, t) = \tilde{Z}(\zeta, t + 2\pi) = \tilde{Z}(\zeta, t),$$

and define, for $\|\tilde{Z}\|_\infty$ sufficiently small,

$$\begin{aligned} S_{\tilde{Z}} &= \left\{ \left(\xi + \tilde{Z}(\xi, t), t \right); (\xi, t) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \right\}, \text{ (free boundary)} \\ \Omega_{\tilde{Z}} &= \left\{ \left(\zeta + \tilde{Z}(\zeta, t), t \right); \zeta \in \mathbb{C}_0, t \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \subset \mathbb{C}_\delta \times \mathbb{R}, \\ \Omega_{\tilde{Z}_t} &= \{z; (z, t) \in \Omega_{\tilde{Z}}\} \subset \mathbb{C}_\delta. \end{aligned}$$

The physical domain of the flow is then given by $z = x + iy \in \Omega_{\tilde{Z}_t}$, which may be transformed into \mathbb{C}_0 by the inverse mapping (we omit t in the writing of the mappings)

$$(\mathbb{I} + \tilde{Z})^{-1} \stackrel{def}{=} \mathbb{I} - Z : \Omega_{\tilde{Z}_t} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}_0. \quad (6)$$

We denote the complex potential by $F(\zeta, t)$ ($= f(z, t)$), and the complex velocity by

$$u - iv = f'_z(z, t) = W(z, t),$$

and the mirror-symmetry condition (5) leads to

$$\begin{aligned} W(-\bar{z}, t) &= -\overline{W}(z, t), \\ F(-\bar{\zeta}, t) &= \overline{F}(\zeta, t), \\ \tilde{Z}(-\bar{\zeta}, t) &= -\overline{\tilde{Z}}(\zeta, t), \\ Z(-\bar{z}, t) &= -\overline{Z}(z, t). \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

We also need the following notation for $(\xi, t) \in \mathbb{R}^2$

$$\tilde{D}(\xi, t) = \tilde{Z}'_t(\xi, t) \overline{\tilde{Z}'_\xi(\xi, t)} - \overline{\tilde{Z}'_t(\xi, t)} \tilde{Z}'_\xi(\xi, t), \quad (8)$$

$$\tilde{C}(\xi, t) = \left| f'_z \left(\xi + \tilde{Z}(\xi, t), t \right) \right|^2. \quad (9)$$

In this section we show the following

Lemma 2 *With the above choice of variables, the system (1,2) for mirror symmetric solutions, may be transformed into the following system*

$$f'_z + Z'_t + (1 - Z'_z) \left\{ \mathcal{T} \tilde{D} + \frac{1}{2} [\tilde{D}] \right\} \circ (\mathbb{I} - Z) = 0, \quad (10)$$

$$f'_t - i(1 + \mu)Z + \left\{ \mathcal{T} \tilde{C} + \frac{1}{2} [\tilde{C}] \right\} \circ (\mathbb{I} - Z) = 0, \quad (11)$$

for $(z, t) \in \Omega_{\tilde{Z}}$.

Proof: With our choice of coordinates and variables the kinematic boundary condition (2)₁ on $S_{\tilde{Z}}$ takes the following form (see [8],[1] for the first equation)

$$\text{Im} \left\{ \left(1 + \tilde{Z}'_\xi(\xi, t) \right) W(\xi + \tilde{Z}(\xi, t), t) + \tilde{Z}'_t(\xi, t) \left(1 + \overline{\tilde{Z}'_\xi(\xi, t)} \right) \right\} = 0, \quad (12)$$

while the dynamic boundary condition $(2)_2$, also on $S_{\tilde{Z}}$, takes the form

$$\operatorname{Re} \left\{ f'_t(\xi + \tilde{Z}(\xi, t), t) - i(1 + \mu)\tilde{Z}(\xi, t) + \frac{1}{2}|W(\xi + \tilde{Z}(\xi, t), t)|^2 \right\} = 0. \quad (13)$$

We then modify both these equations, by introducing our operator \mathcal{T} with the aim of rewriting the problem as a system of two analytic equations in the half plane \mathbb{C}_0 . First we have, from (12) and lemma 1,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = \operatorname{Im} \left\{ \left(1 + \tilde{Z}'_\xi(\xi, t) \right) W(\xi + \tilde{Z}(\xi, t), t) + \tilde{Z}'_t(\xi, t) + \right. \\ \left. + \frac{1}{2}[\tilde{Z}'_t(\xi, t)\overline{\tilde{Z}'_\xi(\xi, t)} - \overline{\tilde{Z}'_t(\xi, t)}\tilde{Z}'_\xi(\xi, t)] \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = \operatorname{Im} \left\{ \left(1 + \tilde{Z}'_\xi(\xi, t) \right) W(\xi + \tilde{Z}(\xi, t), t) + \tilde{Z}'_t(\xi, t) \right\} + \\ + \operatorname{Im} \left(\mathcal{T}\tilde{D} \right) (\xi, t) + \operatorname{Im} \frac{1}{2}[\tilde{D}](t), \end{aligned}$$

and, since we have the imaginary part of a holomorphic 2π - periodic function which is 0 on the real line $\eta = 0$, we deduce that

$$\begin{aligned} c(t) = \left(1 + \tilde{Z}'_\zeta \right) W(\zeta + \tilde{Z}(\zeta, t), t) + \tilde{Z}'_t(\zeta, t) + \\ + \left(\mathcal{T}\tilde{D} \right) (\zeta, t) + i \operatorname{Im} \frac{1}{2}[\tilde{D}](t), \end{aligned}$$

where $c(t)$ is real. From the mirror-symmetry conditions (7), it follows that the average quantities $[\tilde{Z}'_t(\zeta, t)]$ and $[\tilde{D}]$ are imaginary. Now the average of any $\mathcal{T}f$ is 0, and the average of

$$\left(1 + \tilde{Z}'_\zeta \right) W(\zeta + \tilde{Z}(\zeta, t), t) = F'_\zeta(\zeta, t)$$

is 0 by construction, since the velocity W has *zero average* (due to the periodicity of f in x). With this choice, there results that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = \left(1 + \tilde{Z}'_\zeta \right) W \left(\zeta + \tilde{Z}(\zeta, t), t \right) + \tilde{Z}'_t(\zeta, t) + \\ + \left(\mathcal{T}\tilde{D} \right) (\zeta, t) + \frac{1}{2}[\tilde{D}](t), \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

holds for all $(\zeta, t) \in \mathbb{C}_0 \times \mathbb{R}$ and, if we now use the coordinates $(z, t) = (\zeta + \tilde{Z}(\zeta, t), t)$ where

$$\zeta = z - Z(z, t),$$

and observe that

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - Z'_z &= (1 + \tilde{Z}'_\zeta)^{-1}, \\ \frac{\tilde{Z}'_t(\zeta, t)}{1 + \tilde{Z}'_\zeta} &= Z'_t(z, t), \end{aligned}$$

we obtain the equation

$$0 = W(z, t) + Z'_t(z, t) + (1 - Z'_z(z, t)) \left\{ \mathcal{T}\tilde{D} + \frac{1}{2}[\tilde{D}(\cdot, t)] \right\} (z - Z(z, t), t),$$

valid for $(z, t) \in \Omega_{\tilde{Z}}$. This may be written as (10).

In the same way, introducing the operator \mathcal{T} into (13), leads to

$$\begin{aligned} 0 = & \operatorname{Re} \left\{ f'_t(\xi + \tilde{Z}(\xi, t), t) - i(1 + \mu)\tilde{Z}(\xi, t) \right\} + \\ & + \operatorname{Re} \mathcal{T}\tilde{C}(\xi, t) + \frac{1}{2}[\tilde{C}](t). \end{aligned}$$

Since we have the real part of an holomorphic 2π - periodic function which is zero on the real line $\eta = 0$, this leads to

$$\begin{aligned} c_1(t) = & f'_t(\zeta + \tilde{Z}(\zeta, t), t) - i(1 + \mu)\tilde{Z}(\zeta, t) + \\ & + \left(\mathcal{T}\tilde{C} \right) (\zeta, t) + \frac{1}{2}[\tilde{C}](t), \end{aligned}$$

for $\zeta \in \mathbb{C}_0$ and where $c_1(t)$ is purely imaginary. If f is replaced by

$$f(z, t) - \int_0^t c_1(\tau) d\tau,$$

then equations (1),(2) are not affected because c_1 is imaginary. Moreover, as seen previously, due to the symmetry of the flow, the average $i[\tilde{Z}]$ is real, like $[\tilde{C}]$, hence we take $c_1(t) \equiv 0$. Then the above equation becomes

$$f'_t(z, t) - i(1 + \mu)Z'_z(z, t) + \left(\mathcal{T}\tilde{C}(\cdot, t) \right) (z - Z(z, t), t) + \frac{1}{2}[\tilde{C}(\cdot, t)] = 0,$$

valid for $(z, t) \in \Omega_{\tilde{Z}}$ and which may be written as (11). Notice that we can also write the above equation, after differentiating with respect to z , as

$$W'_t - i(1 + \mu)Z'_z + \left\{ \left(\mathcal{T}\tilde{C} \right) \circ (\mathbb{I} - Z) \right\}'_z = 0.$$

The system of two equations (10) (11) is the system on which we work in the following sections. The advantage of this system, with respect to the one used in [1] is that we have already eliminated the "pure" analytic terms (i.e. those which do not involve \mathcal{T}), which gave all the problems appearing under the name of the "Schwartz-Whitney conjecture". This leads to an understanding of why the change of variable made in [6] is able to eliminate the pure analytic quadratic terms in the formulation of [8],[1] (see the acknowledgments).

4 Elimination of the remnent quadratic terms

The usual way for obtaining the bifurcating solutions in the search for periodic solutions is to use the Lyapunov-Schmidt method (see section 8). The presence of quadratic terms in the system (10) (11) implies that the terms cubic in the critical modes (lying in the infinite dimensional kernel of the linearized operator) are very difficult to compute explicitly in the bifurcation equation (infinite dimensional). We shall see that there is no term quadratic in the critical modes in this bifurcation equation (see a remark at section 8), hence the calculation of cubic order is really necessary. So, it is fortunate that we already eliminated many quadratic terms thanks to our new formulation. This is however not sufficient, and, as shown in [6], we can eliminate all quadratic terms via a suitable near-identity polynomial change of variable. We show the same property below, on our formulation of the system (10) (11).

First, we show the following

Lemma 3 *Considering functions analytic in \mathbb{C}_δ , the change of variables $(Z, f) \mapsto (U, G)$ defined implicitly near 0, by*

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= U + \mathcal{T}(\overline{Z}Z'_x) + \frac{1}{2} [\overline{Z}Z'_x], \\ f &= G + \mathcal{T}(\overline{Z}f'_x) + \frac{1}{2} [\overline{Z}f'_x], \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

transforms the system (10) (11) into

$$\begin{aligned} G'_z + U'_t + O(3) &= 0, \\ G'_t - i(1 + \mu)U + O(3) &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

where $O(3)$ means terms at least cubic in (G, U) (we will be precise about the cubic terms later).

This result is the analogue of the one found in using Fourier series in [6] at the beginning of section 3 (where the lengthy computations were hidden to the reader!)

Proof: Let us first identify the quadratic terms in equations (10) (11):

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - Z'_z) \left\{ \mathcal{T}\tilde{D} + \frac{1}{2} [\tilde{D}] \right\} \circ (\mathbb{I} - Z) &= (\mathcal{T}\tilde{D}) + \frac{1}{2} [\tilde{D}] + O(3) \\ &= \mathcal{T}\{Z'_t\overline{Z}'_x - \overline{Z}'_tZ'_x\} + \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2}[Z'_t\overline{Z}'_x - \overline{Z}'_tZ'_x] + O(3), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\left\{\mathcal{T}\tilde{C} + \frac{1}{2}[\tilde{C}]\right\} \circ (\mathbb{I} - Z) &= \mathcal{T}\tilde{C} + \frac{1}{2}[\tilde{C}] + O(3) \\ &= \mathcal{T}\{|f'_z|^2\} + \frac{1}{2}[|f'_z(x, t)|^2] + O(3).\end{aligned}$$

Let us make the change of variables (15). The quadratic terms in the new equation for (10) is

$$\begin{aligned}(\mathcal{T}(\overline{Z}f'_x))'_z + (\mathcal{T}(\overline{Z}Z'_x))'_t + \mathcal{T}\{Z'_t\overline{Z}'_x - \overline{Z}'_tZ'_x\} + \\ + \frac{1}{2}[\overline{Z}Z'_x]'_t + \frac{1}{2}[Z'_t\overline{Z}'_x - \overline{Z}'_tZ'_x]\end{aligned}$$

which may be also written as

$$\mathcal{T}\left((\overline{Z}(f'_z + Z'_t))'_x\right) + \frac{1}{2}[(\overline{Z}Z'_t)'_x] = (\mathcal{T}(\overline{Z}(f'_z + Z'_t)))'_z,$$

which we notice is of cubic order, since $f'_z + Z'_t = O(2)$.

The quadratic terms in the new equation for (11) is

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{T}(\overline{Z}f'_x)'_t - i(1 + \mu)\mathcal{T}(\overline{Z}Z'_x) + \mathcal{T}\{|f'_z|^2\} + \\ + \frac{1}{2}[\overline{Z}f'_x]'_t - i(1 + \mu)\frac{1}{2}[\overline{Z}Z'_x] + \frac{1}{2}[|f'_z|^2]\end{aligned}$$

which may be also written as

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{T}\left(\overline{Z}(f'_t - i(1 + \mu)Z)'_z\right) + \mathcal{T}\left(f'_z(\overline{f'_z + Z'_t})\right) + \\ + \frac{1}{2}[\overline{Z}(f'_t - i(1 + \mu)Z)'_z] + \frac{1}{2}[f'_z(\overline{f'_z + Z'_t})],\end{aligned}$$

which again is of cubic order, since $f'_z + Z'_t = O(2)$ and $f'_t - i(1 + \mu)Z = O(2)$. As a consequence, the change of variables (15) suppresses all quadratic terms in system (10),(11).

5 Computation of cubic terms of the new system

We now need to compute precisely at least the cubic terms of the new system, because these cubic terms are crucial for the bifurcation analysis. First, we give some elementary properties of the operator \mathcal{T} , which are useful in the sequel, and which complement those given at lemma 1:

Lemma 4 *For any function $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, 2π -periodic in x , analytic in \mathbb{C}_0 , Lipschitz continuous on $\mathbb{R} \times \{0\}$, and any function $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, 2π -periodic in x and Lipschitz continuous on \mathbb{R} , we have the following identities:*

- (a) $\mathcal{T}(f\mathcal{T}g) = f\mathcal{T}g,$
- (b) $\mathcal{T}(\overline{f}\mathcal{T}g) = \mathcal{T}(\overline{f}g),$
- (c) $\mathcal{T}(f\overline{\mathcal{T}g}) = \mathcal{T}(f\overline{g}) - f\mathcal{T}(\overline{g}) - f[\overline{g}].$

Proof: The two first identities are left to the reader. Let us show the last one.

We first define the Fourier series

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= \sum_{p \geq 0} f_p e^{-ipz}, \\ g(x) &= \sum_{q \in \mathbb{Z}} g_q e^{-iqx}, \end{aligned}$$

then we have successively

$$\begin{aligned} f \overline{\mathcal{T}g}(x) &= \sum_{q \geq 1, p \geq 0} f_p \overline{g}_q e^{-i(p-q)x}, \\ f \mathcal{T} \overline{g}(x) &= \sum_{q \leq -1, p \geq 0} f_p \overline{g}_q e^{-i(p-q)x}, \\ \mathcal{T} f \overline{g}(x) &= \sum_{p \geq q+1} f_p \overline{g}_q e^{-i(p-q)x}, \\ \mathcal{T} (f \overline{\mathcal{T}g})(x) &= \sum_{q \geq 1, p \geq q+1} f_p \overline{g}_q e^{-i(p-q)x}, \end{aligned}$$

from which the lemma follows easily.

In the next lemma we show how a change of variable $(Z, f) \mapsto (U, G)$, different from, but equivalent at quadratic order to, the one in lemma 3, simplifies the system (10,11) and facilitates explicit calculation of terms in a Taylor series expansion of the resulting equations. Another advantage of this change of variable is that it is a priori defined for functions analytic in the domain bounded by the free boundary $S_{\tilde{Z}}$.

Lemma 5 *The change of variables $(Z, f) \mapsto (U, G)$ given by*

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= U + \left(\mathcal{T} \left(\overline{\tilde{Z}} \tilde{Z}'_{\xi} \right) \right) \circ (\mathbb{I} - Z) + \frac{1}{2} [\overline{\tilde{Z}} \tilde{Z}'_{\xi}], \\ f &= G + \left(\mathcal{T} \left(\overline{\tilde{Z}} f'_z(\cdot + \tilde{Z}(\cdot, t), t) \right) \right) \circ (\mathbb{I} - Z) + \frac{1}{2} [\overline{\tilde{Z}} f'_z(\cdot + \tilde{Z}(\cdot, t), t)], \end{aligned} \tag{16}$$

transforms the system (10,11) satisfied for $(z, t) \in \Omega_{\tilde{Z}}$ into the system (19,21). Assuming that U and G are defined for z in \mathbb{C}_{δ} , this system gives, at cubic order, the system

$$\begin{aligned} U'_t + G'_z &= \frac{1}{2} U'_z [D] + U'_z \mathcal{T} \left(D + (\overline{U} G'_z)'_x \right) - G'_z (\mathcal{T} (\overline{U} U'_z))'_z + \\ &+ (\mathcal{T} \{ \overline{U} (D + U'_z G'_z) \})'_z + O(4), \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
G'_t - i(1 + \mu)U &= -G'_z \mathcal{T} (\overline{U} G'_z)'_x + G'_z \left(\mathcal{T} D + \frac{1}{2} [D] \right) + \\
&+ \mathcal{T} \{ \overline{U} (G'_z G''_{zz} + i(1 + \mu) U'_z U'_z) \} + \\
&+ \frac{1}{2} [\overline{U} (G'_z G''_{zz} + i(1 + \mu) U'_z U'_z)] + \\
&- \mathcal{T} (G'_z D - (\overline{U} C)'_x) - \frac{1}{2} [G'_z D] + O(4),
\end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
D(x, t) &= \overline{G}'_z(x, t) U'_z(x, t) - G'_z(x, t) \overline{U}'_z(x, t) + O(4), \\
C(x, t) &= |G'_z(x, t)|^2,
\end{aligned}$$

the space average $[U]$ is constant, and $O(4)$ means terms of order 4 and higher in (U, G) and derivatives of (U, G) near 0.

Remark: More precision with estimates in suitable norms is necessary when trying to solve the existence problem. It is however clear that the right hand side of the system (17,18) has less regularity than the left hand side, since it has derivatives of higher order than are to be found in the linear left hand side. This strongly suggests that an argument like Nash Moser theorem would be at least necessary for solving the existence problem. In the present work, we don't need these estimates, since we are interested in finding solutions as power series of a small amplitude ($\varepsilon = 2\sqrt{\mu}$), with no result on their convergence.

Proof of the lemma: Using (16) in equation (10) leads to

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= G'_z + U'_t + (1 - Z'_z) \mathcal{T} \left(\widetilde{Z} f'_z(\xi + \widetilde{Z}(\xi, t), t) \right)'_\xi \circ (\mathbb{I} - Z) + \frac{1}{2} [(\widetilde{Z} \widetilde{Z}'_\xi)_t] + \\
&+ \mathcal{T} \left(\widetilde{Z} \widetilde{Z}'_\xi \right)'_t \circ (\mathbb{I} - Z) - Z'_t \mathcal{T} \left(\widetilde{Z} \widetilde{Z}'_\xi \right)'_\xi \circ (\mathbb{I} - Z) + \\
&+ (1 - Z'_z) \left(\mathcal{T} \widetilde{D} \right) \circ (\mathbb{I} - Z) + (1 - Z'_z) \frac{1}{2} [\widetilde{D}],
\end{aligned}$$

A manipulation in the spirit of the previous section and use of property (14) in the form

$$\begin{aligned}
f'_z \left(\xi + \widetilde{Z}(\xi, t), t \right) + \widetilde{Z}'_t(\xi, t) &= - \left(\mathcal{T} \widetilde{D} \right) (\xi, t) - \frac{1}{2} [\widetilde{D}](t) + \\
&- \widetilde{Z}'_\xi(\xi, t) f'_z \left(\xi + \widetilde{Z}(\xi, t), t \right),
\end{aligned}$$

with lemmas 1(d), 4(b), definition(8) and the periodicity of \widetilde{Z} yields

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= G'_z + U'_t - Z'_z \mathcal{T} \left\{ \widetilde{D} + \left(\widetilde{Z} f'_z(\xi + \widetilde{Z}(\xi, t), t) \right)'_\xi \right\} \circ (\mathbb{I} - Z) + \\
&- \mathcal{T} \left(\widetilde{Z} \left\{ \widetilde{D} + \widetilde{Z}'_\xi f'_z(\xi + \widetilde{Z}(\xi, t), t) \right\} \right)'_\xi \circ (\mathbb{I} - Z) - Z'_z \frac{1}{2} [\widetilde{D}] + \\
&- Z'_t \mathcal{T} \left(\widetilde{Z} \widetilde{Z}'_\xi \right)'_\xi \circ (\mathbb{I} - Z).
\end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

This equation is of course *implicit in the unknown functions* G and U , but it has the advantage of being exact, i.e. without approximation. We observe from (19) that the space average $[U]$ is constant in t , while $[Z]$ is not constant in t . We can now write explicitly this new equation up to cubic terms:

$$\begin{aligned} G'_z + U'_t &= U'_z \mathcal{T} \left\{ D + (\overline{U} G'_z)'_x \right\} + U'_z \frac{1}{2} [D] + \\ &+ \mathcal{T} (\overline{U} \{ D + U'_z G'_z \})'_x + U'_t \mathcal{T} (\overline{U} U'_z)'_x + O(4), \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

where

$$D(x, t) = U'_t(x, t) \overline{U}'_z(x, t) - \overline{U}'_t(x, t) U'_z(x, t),$$

which may also be written as (17).

Considering now equation (11), we proceed in the same way to obtain successively

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= G'_t - i(1 + \mu)U - Z'_t \mathcal{T} \left(\overline{Z} f'_z \left(\xi + \tilde{Z}(\xi, t), t \right) \right)'_\xi \circ (1 - Z) + \\ &+ \mathcal{T} \left(\left(\overline{Z} f'_z \left(\xi + \tilde{Z}(\xi, t), t \right) \right)'_t - i(1 + \mu) \overline{Z} \tilde{Z}'_\xi + \tilde{C} \right) \circ (1 - Z) + \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\overline{Z} f'_z \left(\xi + \tilde{Z}(\xi, t), t \right) \right)'_t - i(1 + \mu) \overline{Z} \tilde{Z}'_\xi + \tilde{C} \right], \end{aligned}$$

from which it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= G'_t - i(1 + \mu)U - Z'_t \mathcal{T} \left(\overline{Z} f'_z(\xi + \tilde{Z}(\xi, t), t) \right)'_\xi \circ (1 - Z) + \\ &+ \mathcal{T} \left(\tilde{E} \right) \circ (1 - Z) + \frac{1}{2} [\tilde{E}], \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{E} &\stackrel{def}{=} \left(\overline{Z} f'_z \left(\xi + \tilde{Z}(\xi, t), t \right) \right)'_t - i(1 + \mu) \overline{Z} \tilde{Z}'_\xi + \tilde{C} \\ &= \overline{Z} \left\{ f''_{zt}(\xi + \tilde{Z}(\xi, t), t) - i(1 + \mu) \tilde{Z}'_\xi \right\} + \tilde{Z}'_t \overline{Z} f''_{zz}(\xi + \tilde{Z}(\xi, t), t) + \\ &f'_z(\xi + \tilde{Z}(\xi, t), t) \left\{ \overline{f'_z(\xi + \tilde{Z}(\xi, t), t)} + \overline{\tilde{Z}'_t} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

We observe that (using lemma 1(b), and the fact that \tilde{C} is real-valued)

$$\begin{aligned} [\overline{Z} (\mathcal{T} \tilde{C})]'_\xi + \overline{Z}'_\xi \tilde{C} &= [\overline{Z}'_\xi (\tilde{C} - \mathcal{T} \tilde{C})] \\ &= [\overline{Z}'_\xi ([\tilde{C}] + \overline{\mathcal{T} \tilde{C}})] \\ &= \overline{[\tilde{Z}'_\xi \mathcal{T} \tilde{C}]} = 0, \end{aligned}$$

where the last identity follows by Cauchy's integral formula. Since D is imaginary, lemma 1(b) gives that

$$\overline{\widetilde{D}} - \overline{\mathcal{T}\widetilde{D}} = [\overline{\widetilde{D}}] - \mathcal{T}\widetilde{D}$$

which is analytic in ξ , and so

$$\begin{aligned} [f'_z \left(\xi + \widetilde{Z}(\xi, t), t \right) \overline{\mathcal{T}\widetilde{D}}] &= [f'_z \left(\xi + \widetilde{Z}(\xi, t), t \right) \overline{\widetilde{D}}] \\ &= -[f'_z \left(\xi + \widetilde{Z}(\xi, t), t \right) \widetilde{D}]. \end{aligned}$$

Differentiation of (11) along with (6) gives that

$$f''_{zt}(\xi + \widetilde{Z}(\xi, t), t) - i(1 + \mu)\widetilde{Z}'_\xi = - \left(\mathcal{T}\widetilde{C} \right)'_\xi - \widetilde{Z}'_\xi f''_{zt}(\xi + \widetilde{Z}(\xi, t), t).$$

From this identity and (10) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= G'_t - i(1 + \mu)U - Z'_t \mathcal{T} \left(\overline{\widetilde{Z}} f'_z \left(\xi + \widetilde{Z}(\xi, t), t \right) \right)'_\xi \circ (1 - Z) + \\ &\quad - \mathcal{T} \left(\overline{\widetilde{Z}} \left\{ \widetilde{Z}'_\xi f''_{zt} \left(\xi + \widetilde{Z}(\xi, t), t \right) + \left(\mathcal{T}\widetilde{C} \right)'_\xi \right\} \right) \circ (1 - Z) + \\ &\quad - \mathcal{T} \left(f'_z \left(\xi + \widetilde{Z}(\xi, t), t \right) \left\{ \overline{\mathcal{T}\widetilde{D} + \widetilde{Z}'_\xi f'_z \left(\xi + \widetilde{Z}(\xi, t), t \right) + \frac{1}{2}[\widetilde{D}]} \right\} \right) \circ (1 - Z) + \\ &\quad + \mathcal{T} \left(\widetilde{Z}'_t \overline{\widetilde{Z}} f''_{zz} \left(\xi + \widetilde{Z}(\xi, t), t \right) \right) \circ (1 - Z) + \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \left[\overline{\widetilde{Z}} \left(\widetilde{Z}'_t f''_{zz} \left(\xi + \widetilde{Z}(\xi, t), t \right) - \widetilde{Z}'_\xi f''_{zt} \left(\xi + \widetilde{Z}(\xi, t), t \right) \right) \right] + \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \left[f'_z \left(\xi + \widetilde{Z}(\xi, t), t \right) \widetilde{D} \right], \end{aligned}$$

and finally

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= G'_t - i(1 + \mu)U - Z'_t \mathcal{T} \left(\overline{\widetilde{Z}} f'_z \left(\xi + \widetilde{Z}(\xi, t), t \right) \right)'_\xi \circ (1 - Z) - f'_z \frac{1}{2}[\widetilde{D}] + \\ &\quad + \mathcal{T} \left\{ \overline{\widetilde{Z}} \left(\widetilde{Z}'_t f''_{zz} \left(\xi + \widetilde{Z}(\xi, t), t \right) - \widetilde{Z}'_\xi f''_{zt} \left(\xi + \widetilde{Z}(\xi, t), t \right) \right) \right\} \circ (1 - Z) + \\ &\quad - f'_z \left(\mathcal{T}\widetilde{D} \right) \circ (1 - Z) + \mathcal{T} \left(f'_z \left(\xi + \widetilde{Z}(\xi, t), t \right) \widetilde{D} - \left(\overline{\widetilde{Z}} \widetilde{C} \right)'_\xi \right) \circ (1 - Z) + \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \left[\overline{\widetilde{Z}} \left(\widetilde{Z}'_t f''_{zz} \left(\xi + \widetilde{Z}(\xi, t), t \right) - \widetilde{Z}'_\xi f''_{zt} \left(\xi + \widetilde{Z}(\xi, t), t \right) \right) \right] + \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \left[f'_z \left(\xi + \widetilde{Z}(\xi, t), t \right) \widetilde{D} \right], \end{aligned} \tag{21}$$

This is an *exact implicit equation* for G, U and μ only, which has no quadratic term. Up to cubic order it is precisely the following

$$\begin{aligned} G'_t - i(1 + \mu)U &= U'_t \mathcal{T} (\overline{U} G'_z)'_x + G'_z \left(\mathcal{T} D + \frac{1}{2} [D] \right) + \\ &\quad - \mathcal{T} \{ \overline{U} (U'_t G''_{zz} - U'_z G''_{zt}) \} - \frac{1}{2} [\overline{U} (U'_t G''_{zz} - U'_z G''_{zt})] + \\ &\quad - \mathcal{T} (G'_z D - (\overline{U} C)'_x) - \frac{1}{2} [G'_z D] + O(4). \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

This can also be written as (18).

6 Other representation of the cubic terms

In this section we derive another explicit form of the system (17,18), using Fourier series, in the spirit of [6]. We are lead naturally to Fourier series because of the structure of the kernel of the linearized operator

$$\begin{aligned} U'_t + G'_z &= 0, \\ G'_t - iU &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Let us define the Fourier series for U and G :

$$\begin{aligned} U(z, t) &= i \sum_{p \geq 0} a_p(t) e^{-ipz}, \\ G(z, t) &= \sum_{p \geq 0} b_p(t) e^{-ipz}. \end{aligned}$$

Because of the symmetry properties

$$U(-\bar{z}, t) = -\overline{U}(z, t), \quad G(-\bar{z}, t) = \overline{G}(z, t),$$

the coefficients a_p and b_p are real functions of t . We notice that $a_0 = [U]$, which is a constant by lemma 5. Moreover, we assume that

$$\begin{aligned} a_p &\text{ is even in } t, \\ b_p &\text{ is odd in } t, \end{aligned}$$

since we are restricting our attention to solutions of (1,2) with $h(x, t)$ even in x and t , as in [8],[1],[6].

Definition 6 We denote by \mathcal{E} the linear space of 2π -periodic, smooth functions taking values in $(\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}})^2$, where the first element is even, the second being odd, and denote by \mathcal{F} the space of 2π -periodic, smooth functions taking values in $(\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}})^2$, where the first element is odd, the second being even.

For any $(A, B) \in \mathcal{E}$, let $A = \{a_p\}_{p \geq 0}$, $B = \{b_p\}_{p \geq 0}$ and

$$(\partial B)_p = pb_p.$$

Now, the system (17,18) takes the form

$$\dot{A} - \partial B = P_3(A, A; B) + R_A(A, B), \quad (23)$$

$$\dot{B} + (1 + \mu)A = Q_3(B, B; A) + (1 + \mu)M_3(A, A, A) + R_B(A, B, \mu),$$

where P_3 and Q_3 are bilinear, symmetric with respect to their two first arguments, and linear with respect to the third, while M_3 is trilinear and symmetric in all its arguments. The remainder terms, R_A and R_B represent terms of order at least 4 with respect to (A, B) . Below we give explicit formulas for the cubic terms P_3 , Q_3 , M_3 (they are different from the ones obtained in [6] since the variables are different). The identification of sequences corresponding to each term in (17,18) is made in Appendix A. We obtain, for $p \geq 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} P_3(A, A; B)_p &= \sum_{q \geq 1} pq^2 a_p a_q b_q + \sum_{\substack{p+q=j+r \\ r \geq q+1}} q r j a_j (a_q b_r + a_r b_q) + \\ &\quad - \sum_{r=p+q+j} p q r a_j (a_q b_r + a_r b_q) + \sum_{p+q=j+r} p j r a_q a_r b_j + \\ &\quad + \sum_{\substack{p+q=j+r \\ r \geq q+1}} j r (r - q) a_q (a_j b_r - a_r b_j). \end{aligned}$$

Thus $P_3(A, A; B)_0 = 0$. For $p \geq 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} Q_3(B, B; A)_p &= \sum_{q \geq 1} p q^2 a_q b_p b_q + \sum_{\substack{p+q=j+r \\ r \geq q+1}} q r j b_j (a_q b_r + a_r b_q) + \\ &\quad + \sum_{\substack{p+q=j+r \\ q \geq r+1}} j r (r - q) a_q b_r b_j - \sum_{p+q=j+r} j q r a_r b_j b_q + \\ &\quad - \sum_{r=p+q+j} p q r a_j b_q b_r, \\ M_3(A, A, A)_p &= \sum_{p+q=j+r} j r a_j a_q a_r, \end{aligned}$$

holds, and for $p = 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} Q_3(B, B; A)_0 &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j, r \geq 1} j r^2 a_{j+r} b_r b_j - j r (r + j) b_j (a_{r+j} b_r + a_r b_{r+j}), \\ M_3(A, A, A)_0 &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{r, j \geq 1} j r a_j a_r a_{r+j} \end{aligned}$$

holds. We observe that, for $p = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{a}_0 &= 0, \\ \dot{b}_0 + (1 + \mu)a_0 &= Q_3(B, B; A)_0 + (1 + \mu)M_3(A, A, A)_0 + R_B(A, B, \mu)_0.\end{aligned}$$

This means that a_0 (const) and b_0 (odd) can be written as the sums of cubic terms *in the other* coordinates $(A, B)_p$, $p \geq 1$, plus terms of order 4 in all the variables. Thanks to this uncoupling, at cubic order we can consider the components $p \geq 1$ of system (23) as functions only of $(A, B)_j$, $j \geq 1$. We see below that the essential part of (23) is indeed the cubic part.

7 Study of the linear operator for $\mu = 0$

We define the linear operator \mathcal{L} from \mathcal{E} to \mathcal{F} by

$$\mathcal{L}X = (\dot{A} - \partial B, \dot{B} + A),$$

for any $X = (A, B) \in \mathcal{E}$. This linear operator occurs in the principal linear part of (23). The aim of this section is to study the inverse of this operator.

It is clear that

$$\begin{aligned}\ker(\mathcal{L}) &= \{X = (A, B) \in \mathcal{E}; (A, B)_p = 0 \text{ if } p \neq q^2, \ q \in \mathbb{N}, \\ X_{q^2} &= A_{q^2}(\cos qt, -q^{-1} \sin qt), \ q \in \mathbb{N}, \ A_{q^2} \in \mathbb{R}\},\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Range}(\mathcal{L}) = \{Z = (F, G) \in \mathcal{F}; (F, G)_{q^2} = (f_{q^2}, g_{q^2}), \ f_{q^2}^{(q)} + qg_{q^2}^{(q)} = 0, \ q \in \mathbb{N}\},$$

where $f_{q^2}^{(q)}$ is the q th Fourier coefficient of f_{q^2} . Notice that $p = 0$ does not give any component in $\ker(\mathcal{L})$.

Lemma 7 *If $Z \in \text{Range}(\mathcal{L})$, there exists a unique $X \in \mathcal{E}$, such that $\mathcal{L}X = Z$ and $X_{q^2} = (a_{q^2}, b_{q^2})$ satisfies $-qa_{q^2}^{(q)} + b_{q^2}^{(q)} = 0$ for all $q \in \mathbb{N}$ (we say $X \in \ker(\mathcal{L})^\perp$). This defines the pseudo-inverse $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}^{-1}$ of \mathcal{L} on its range. Every component X_p results from a bounded linear operator acting only on Z_p (the norm of this operator depends on p).*

Indeed, let us define a projection P_0 of \mathcal{F} onto the subspace "orthogonal" to $\text{Range}(\mathcal{L})$:

$$\begin{aligned}(P_0 Z)_{p \neq q^2} &= 0, \quad (P_0 Z)_{q^2} = \frac{l_{q^2}(Z)}{1 + q^2}(\sin qt, q \cos qt), \quad q \in \mathbb{N}, \\ l_{q^2}(Z) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} [f_{q^2}(t) \sin qt + qg_{q^2}(t) \cos qt] dt.\end{aligned}\tag{24}$$

Then $P_0 Z = 0$ if and only if $Z \in \text{Range}(\mathcal{L})$ and $\mathcal{L}X = Z$ where $X = (A, B) \in \ker(\mathcal{L})^\perp$ is given for $p \neq q^2$ by

$$a_p(t) = \frac{1}{2 \sin \sqrt{p} \pi} \int_0^{2\pi} [\text{sgn}(t-s) f_p(s) \sin \sqrt{p}(\pi - |t-s|) + \sqrt{p} g_p(s) \cos \sqrt{p}(\pi - |t-s|)] ds,$$

$$b_p(t) = \frac{1}{2 \sqrt{p} \sin \sqrt{p} \pi} \int_0^{2\pi} [\text{sgn}(t-s) \sqrt{p} g_p(s) \sin \sqrt{p}(\pi - |t-s|) - f_p(s) \cos \sqrt{p}(\pi - |t-s|)] ds,$$

and, for $p = q^2$, and $m \neq q$

$$\begin{aligned} a_{q^2}^{(m)} &= -(m^2 - q^2)^{-1} (m f_{q^2}^{(m)} + q^2 g_{q^2}^{(m)}), \\ b_{q^2}^{(m)} &= (m^2 - q^2)^{-1} (f_{q^2}^{(m)} + m g_{q^2}^{(m)}), \end{aligned}$$

while for $m = q$

$$b_{q^2}^{(q)} = \frac{-1}{(1 + q^2)} f_{q^2}^{(q)} = \frac{q}{1 + q^2} g_{q^2}^{(q)} = q a_{q^2}^{(q)},$$

holds. The result of the lemma follows directly from the above expressions. A difficulty, due to the fact that $\sin \sqrt{p} \pi$ can reach very small values as p increases, results in a (small) loss of regularity in inverting this linear operator \mathcal{L} .

8 The bifurcation problem

We now show that the elimination of quadratic terms by a suitable choice of variables in section 4, leads to a bifurcation equation where all critical modes are uncoupled up to cubic order. This clarifies all possible bifurcating (formal) solutions of the standing wave problem. A big difference with the approach in [6] is that here it is not necessary to proceed via the cubic normal form. Such a normal form is presented in Appendix B, giving the solution of an interesting algebraic problem, whose result is however not easily adapted for use here. Another reason for avoiding the cubic normal form is to make it easier to obtain precise estimates on the loss of regularity of the right hand side of (23). These estimates are required, for example, if we want to use the Nash Moser implicit function theorem.

Considering the system (23), we finally obtained a system in the space \mathcal{F} of the form

$$\mathcal{L}X = \mu \mathcal{J}X + \mathcal{N}(X^{(3)}; \mu) + \mathcal{R}(X; \mu), \quad (25)$$

where

$$X = (A, B) \in \mathcal{E}, \quad \mathcal{J}X = (0, -A) \in \mathcal{F},$$

$$\mathcal{N}(X^{(3)}; \mu) = (P_3(A, A; B), Q_3(B, B; A) + (1 + \mu)M_3(A, A, A)),$$

and

$$\mathcal{R}(X; \mu) = (R_A(A, B), R_B(A, B, \mu)) = O(4).$$

The idea is to use the Lyapunov-Schmidt method.

Let us decompose $X \in \mathcal{E}$ as

$$X = X_0 + Y, \quad X_0 \in \text{Ker}(\mathcal{L}), \quad Y \in \text{Ker}(\mathcal{L})^\perp.$$

Then equation (25) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\mathcal{L}}Y &= \mu(\mathbb{I} - P_0)\mathcal{J}(X_0 + Y) + (\mathbb{I} - P_0)\mathcal{N}((X_0 + Y)^{(3)}; \mu) + \\ &+ (\mathbb{I} - P_0)\mathcal{R}(X_0 + Y; \mu), \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

$$\mu P_0\mathcal{J}(X_0 + Y) + P_0\mathcal{N}((X_0 + Y)^{(3)}; \mu) + P_0\mathcal{R}(X_0 + Y; \mu) = 0. \quad (27)$$

Since $\tilde{\mathcal{L}}$ is invertible, and the right hand side is analytic in its arguments, one can formally solve equation (26) with respect to Y as "powers series" of X_0 and μ for X_0, μ close to $(0, 0)$ in $(\ker \mathcal{L}) \times \mathbb{R}$. In this way we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} Y = \mathcal{Y}(X_0, \mu) &= \mu \tilde{\mathcal{L}}^{-1}(\mathbb{I} - P_0)\mathcal{J}X_0 + \tilde{\mathcal{L}}^{-1}(\mathbb{I} - P_0)\mathcal{N}(X_0^{(3)}; 0) + \\ &+ O(|\mu^2||X_0| + |\mu||X_0|^3 + |X_0|^4) \end{aligned}$$

and, after replacing Y by its expression $\mathcal{Y}(X_0, \mu)$ in (27), we have the infinite dimensional bifurcation equation

$$\mu P_0\mathcal{J}X_0 + P_0\mathcal{N}(X_0^{(3)}; 0) + P_0\mathcal{S}(X_0; \mu) = 0, \quad (28)$$

where

$$P_0\mathcal{S}(X_0; \mu) = O(|\mu^2||X_0| + |\mu||X_0|^3 + |X_0|^4).$$

More precisely, denoting the j^2 components of X_0 by $(X_0)_{j^2} = (a_{j^2}, b_{j^2})$, we have, for any $q \geq 1$

$$\begin{aligned} P_3(A, A; B)_{q^2} &= \sum_{j \geq 1} q^2 j^4 a_{q^2} a_{j^2} b_{j^2} + \sum_{\substack{q^2 + m^2 = j^2 + r^2 \\ r^2 \geq m^2 + 1}} m^2 r^2 j^2 a_{j^2} (a_{m^2} b_{r^2} + a_{r^2} b_{m^2}) + \\ &- \sum_{r^2 = q^2 + m^2 + j^2} q^2 m^2 r^2 a_{j^2} (a_{m^2} b_{r^2} + a_{r^2} b_{m^2}) + \sum_{q^2 + m^2 = j^2 + r^2} q^2 j^2 r^2 a_{m^2} a_{r^2} b_{j^2} + \\ &+ \sum_{\substack{q^2 + m^2 = j^2 + r^2 \\ r^2 \geq m^2 + 1}} j^2 r^2 (r^2 - m^2) a_{m^2} (a_{j^2} b_{r^2} - a_{r^2} b_{j^2}), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Q_3(B, B; A)_{q^2} &= \sum_{j \geq 1} q^2 j^4 a_{j^2} b_{q^2} b_{j^2} + \sum_{\substack{q^2+m^2=j^2+r^2 \\ r^2 \geq m^2+1}} q r j b_j (a_q b_r + a_r b_q) + \\
&- \sum_{q^2+m^2=j^2+r^2} j^2 m^2 r^2 a_{r^2} b_{j^2} b_{m^2} - \sum_{r^2=q^2+m^2+j^2} q^2 m^2 r^2 a_{j^2} b_{m^2} b_{r^2} + \\
&+ \sum_{\substack{q^2+m^2=j^2+r^2 \\ m^2 \geq r^2+1}} j^2 r^2 (r^2 - m^2) a_{m^2} b_{r^2} b_{j^2}, \\
M_3(A, A, A)_{q^2} &= \sum_{q^2+m^2=j^2+r^2} j^2 r^2 a_{j^2} a_{m^2} a_{r^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

Now, for any $q \geq 1$,

$$(a_{q^2}, b_{q^2}) = A_{q^2}(\cos qt, -q^{-1} \sin qt), \quad A_{q^2} \in \mathbb{R},$$

and the computation of $P_0 \mathcal{N}(X_0^{(3)}; 0)$ (in particular, for the expression $l_{q^2}(\mathcal{N}(X_0^{(3)}; 0))$ from (24)), introduces integrals of periodic functions typically as $e^{i(\pm r \pm j \pm m \pm q)t}$, hence the following lemma is useful (proof left to the reader).

Lemma 8 *All solutions of*

$$\begin{aligned}
q^2 + m^2 &= j^2 + r^2, \\
r \pm j \pm m \pm q &= 0, \quad q, m, j, r \geq 1,
\end{aligned}$$

are given by i) $q = r, \quad j = m$, or ii) $q = j, \quad r = m$.

All solutions of

$$\begin{aligned}
r^2 &= q^2 + m^2 + j^2, \\
r \pm j \pm m \pm q &= 0, \quad q, m, j, r \geq 1,
\end{aligned}$$

are given by i) $q + m = j + r$, or ii) $q + j = r + m$, or iii) $q + r = j + m$.

We use this lemma in the expressions for P_3, Q_3, M_3 and write below the terms which may produce non zero terms in the item $l_{q^2}(\mathcal{N}(X_0^{(3)}; 0))$. We denote these restricted expressions by P'_3, Q'_3, M'_3 :

$$\begin{aligned}
P'_3(A, A; B)_{q^2} &= 2q^6 a_{q^2}^2 b_{q^2} + \sum_{j \geq q+1} q^2 j^2 (q^2 + j^2) a_{j^2} a_{q^2} b_{j^2} + q^4 j^2 a_{j^2}^2 b_{q^2} + \\
&+ \sum_{j \leq q-1} 2q^4 j^2 a_{j^2}^2 b_{q^2} + 3q^2 j^4 a_{j^2} a_{q^2} b_{j^2} + \\
&- \sum_{(q,j,r,m) \in \mathcal{K}} q^2 m^2 r^2 a_{j^2} (a_{m^2} b_{r^2} + a_{r^2} b_{m^2}),
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Q'_3(B, B; A)_{q^2} &= - \sum_{j \geq q+1} q^2 j^4 a_{q^2} b_{j^2}^2 + j^2 q^2 (q^2 - j^2) a_{j^2} b_{j^2} b_{q^2} + \\
&\quad + \sum_{j \leq q-1} q^2 j^4 a_{j^2} b_{j^2} b_{q^2} - \sum_{(q,j,r,m) \in \mathcal{K}} q^2 m^2 r^2 a_{j^2} b_{m^2} b_{r^2}, \\
M'_3(A, A, A)_{q^2} &= q^4 a_{q^2}^3 + \sum_{j \neq q} 2j^2 q^2 a_{j^2}^2 a_{q^2},
\end{aligned}$$

where $(q, j, r, m) \in \mathcal{K}$ means $r^2 = q^2 + m^2 + j^2$, and $r \pm j \pm m \pm q = 0$. Notice that these expressions are strongly related with the normal form analysis in Appendix B. Now replacing (a_{q^2}, b_{q^2}) by its expression, we can compute

$$l_{q^2}(\mu \mathcal{J} X_0) = -\mu q A_{q^2},$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
l_{q^2}(\mathcal{N}(X_0^{(3)}; 0)) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \{P'_3(A, A; B)_{q^2} \sin qt + \\
&\quad + q (Q'_3(B, B; A)_{q^2} + M'_3(A, A, A)_{q^2}) \cos qt\} dt.
\end{aligned}$$

A lengthy, but elementary computation (see Appendix C) shows that

$$l_{q^2}(\mathcal{N}(X_0^{(3)}; 0)) = \frac{q^5 A_{q^2}^3}{4}.$$

The result is that (28) may be written as

$$-\mu q A_{q^2} + \frac{q^5 A_{q^2}^3}{4} + R_q(X_0, \mu) = 0, \quad q = 1, 2, \dots \quad (29)$$

with $R_q(X_0, \mu) = O(|\mu^2| |X_0| + |\mu| |X_0|^3 + |X_0|^4)$.

Remark: we may notice here that if we tried to use the same method directly on system (10,11), we should have a quadratic \mathcal{N}' but such that $l_{q^2}(\mathcal{N}'[X_0^{(2)}]) = 0$. This cancellation is because a non-zero contribution would come from an exponential of the type $e^{i(\pm r \pm j \pm q)t}$, with $r^2 = q^2 + j^2$, and this always gives a zero average ($r, j, q \geq 1$). Hence it would be needed to compute the term of order $\|X_0\|^2$ in Y , which has to be inserted into the cubic order terms of the bifurcation equation....and then it would be a terrible mess. So, the suppression of quadratic terms made in section 4, allows to greatly simplify the computation of the bifurcation equation made here.

Now we make the following rescaling

$$\mu = \frac{\varepsilon^2}{4}, \quad A_{q^2} = \frac{\varepsilon \alpha_q}{q^2}, \quad q = 1, 2, \dots \quad (30)$$

and we define $\xi_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}$ such that $(\xi_0)_{q^2} = \alpha_q$. Equation (29) becomes

$$\alpha_q - \alpha_q^3 + \varepsilon S_q(\xi_0, \varepsilon) = 0, \quad q = 1, 2, \dots \quad (31)$$

where $S_q(\xi_0, \varepsilon)$ has a formal powers series in ε , with smooth coefficients as functions of ξ_0 .

Formal solutions of (31) in terms or series in powers of ε , can now be obtained. We observe, of course that $\xi_0 = 0$ is a solution, which corresponds to the flat free surface in the original problem. Let $I \subset \mathbb{N}$ be arbitrary and consider any $\xi_0^0 \in \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}$ such that $\alpha_q = (\pm 1)_q$ for $q \in I$, $\alpha_q = 0$ for $q \notin I$. Notice that we may choose 1 or -1 arbitrarily, when q varies in I , and that the set I may be infinite, $I = \mathbb{N}$ is one of the possibilities. Equation (31) is satisfied when $\varepsilon = 0$, for $\xi_0 = \xi_0^0$, and since 0 and ± 1 are simple roots of $\alpha_q - \alpha_q^3 = 0$, it is clear that one can compute in a standard way the power series

$$\xi_0 = \xi_0^0 + \varepsilon \xi_0^1 + \dots \varepsilon^k \xi_0^k + \dots$$

which is a formal solution of (31). Coming back to (25), we then see that $(A, B) = X_0 + O(\varepsilon^2)$.

We sum up our result by the following

Theorem 9 *The system (23) in the space \mathcal{F} admits infinitely many formal solutions $(A, B) \in \mathcal{E}$ in series of powers of an amplitude ε , of the form*

$$\begin{aligned} (A, B) &= \sum_{n \geq 1} \varepsilon^n (A, B)^{(n)}, \text{ where } (A, B)^{(n)} \in \mathcal{E}, \\ (A, B)_{p \neq q^2}^{(1)} &= 0, \quad (A, B)_{q^2, q \notin I}^{(1)} = 0, \\ (A, B)_{q^2, q \in I}^{(1)} &= \left(\frac{(\pm 1)_q}{q^2} \cos qt, \frac{-(\pm 1)_q}{q^3} \sin qt \right), \end{aligned}$$

where $\varepsilon^2 = 4\mu$, and $I \subset \mathbb{N}$ is chosen arbitrarily.

Remark 1: Here, as in [1], we have no result on the convergence of these expansions in powers of ε . This is still an open problem, not only for one dominant mode solution, but for all others found here.

Remark 2: The solution obtained by Amick and Toland (called the Stokes solution) corresponds to $I = \{1\}$, $\alpha_1 = +1$.

Remark 3: We have in principle a choice between the signs \pm in front of any dominant mode. However many of the choices give the same solutions, after a suitable translation of the time origin.

Remark 4: Coming back to the physical quantities, we observe that the principal parts (order $\sqrt{\mu}$) of the complex potential and of the conformal

map $(\zeta = z - Z(z, t))$ are now

$$\begin{aligned} f(z, t) &= -2\sqrt{\mu} \sum_{q \in I} \frac{(\pm 1)_q}{q^3} e^{-iq^2 z} \sin qt + O(\mu), \\ Z(z, t) &= 2i\sqrt{\mu} \sum_{q \in I} \frac{(\pm 1)_q}{q^2} e^{-iq^2 z} \cos qt + O(\mu), \end{aligned}$$

which corresponds to the following principal part of the free surface (in the original coordinates)

$$h(x, t) = 2\sqrt{\mu} \sum_{q \in I} \frac{(\pm 1)_q}{q^2} \cos q^2 x \cos qt + O(\mu).$$

We notice that the relative values of the dominant modes are in agreement with those found by Bryant and Stiassnie in [2] in the cases $I = \{1, 2\}$ and $I = \{1, 2, 3\}$.

9 Appendix A

Calculation of P_3, Q_3, M_3 in (23):

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{1}{2} U'_z [D] \right)_p &= i \sum_{q \geq 1} p q^2 a_p a_q b_q, \\ (U'_z \mathcal{T} D)_p &= i \sum_{\substack{p+q=j+r \\ r \geq q+1}} q r j a_j (a_q b_r + a_r b_q), \\ \left((\mathcal{T} \bar{U} D)_z' \right)_p &= -i \sum_{r=p+q+j} p q r a_j (a_q b_r + a_r b_q), \\ \left(U'_z \mathcal{T} (\bar{U} G'_z)_x' \right)_p &= i \sum_{\substack{p+q=j+r \\ r \geq q+1}} j r (r - q) a_j a_q b_r, \\ - \left(G'_z \mathcal{T} (\bar{U} U'_z)_x' \right)_p &= -i \sum_{\substack{p+q=j+r \\ r \geq q+1}} j r (r - q) a_q a_r b_j, \\ \left(\mathcal{T} (\bar{U} U'_z G'_z)_x' \right)_p &= i \sum_{p+q=j+r} p j r a_q a_r b_j, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\left(\frac{1}{2}G'_z[D]\right)_p &= \sum_{q \geq 1} pq^2 a_q b_p b_q, \\
(G'_z \mathcal{T} D)_p &= \sum_{\substack{p+q=j+r \\ r \geq q+1}} qr j b_j (a_q b_r + a_r b_q), \\
-\left(G'_z \mathcal{T} (\overline{U} G'_z)'_x\right)_p &= - \sum_{\substack{p+q=j+r \\ r \geq q+1}} jr(r-q) a_q b_r b_j,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(\mathcal{T} (\overline{U} G'_z G''_{zz}))_p &= \sum_{p+q=j+r} jr^2 a_q b_r b_j, \quad p \geq 1, \\
\frac{1}{2} [\overline{U} G'_z G''_{zz}] &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j,r \geq 1} jr^2 a_{j+r} b_r b_j,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
-(\mathcal{T} (G'_z D))_p &= - \sum_{p+q=j+r} jqr b_j (a_q b_r + a_r b_q), \quad p \geq 1, \\
-\frac{1}{2} [G'_z D] &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{r,j \geq 1} jr(r+j) b_j (a_{r+j} b_r + a_r b_{r+j}), \\
(\mathcal{T} (\overline{U} C)'_x)_p &= - \sum_{r=p+q+j} pqr a_j b_q b_r,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(\mathcal{T} (\overline{U} U'_z U'_z))_p &= -i \sum_{p+q=j+r} jra_j a_q a_r, \quad p \geq 1, \\
\frac{1}{2} [\overline{U} U'_z U'_z] &= -\frac{i}{2} \sum_{r,j \geq 1} jra_j a_r a_{r+j},
\end{aligned}$$

are all necessary terms for writing polynomials P_3 , Q_3 , M_3 .

10 Appendix B

The idea in [6] was to remove non resonant cubic terms in system (23), restricted to components $p \geq 1$, since the components for $p = 0$ are uncoupled up to order 4. We explore the following class of polynomial near-identity changes of variables

$$\begin{aligned}
A' &= A + (1 + \mu)^{-1} \gamma(B, B; A) + \beta(A, A, A), \\
B' &= B + \alpha(A, A; B) + (1 + \mu)^{-1} \partial^{-1} \gamma(B, B; \partial B),
\end{aligned}$$

where α, β, γ are trilinear in their arguments, and we may assume that α and γ are symmetric with respect to their two first arguments, and β is

symmetric in all three. After such a transformation, the new cubic terms in (23) have the same form and

$$\begin{aligned} P'_3(A, A; B) &= P_3(A, A; B) - \partial\alpha(A, A; B) + 3\beta(A, A, \partial B) - 2\gamma(A, B; A), \\ Q'_3(B, B; A) &= Q_3(B, B; A) + 2\alpha(A, \partial B; B) + \gamma(B, B; A) + \\ &\quad - 2\partial^{-1}\gamma(A, B; \partial B) - \partial^{-1}\gamma(B, B; \partial A), \\ M'_3(A, A, A) &= M_3(A, A, A) + \beta(A, A, A) - \alpha(A, A; A), \end{aligned}$$

where we notice that the operator ∂ is invertible since $p \geq 1$. The idea now is to choose suitable α, β, γ to maximise the number of terms in P'_3, Q'_3, M'_3 that cancel, and only "resonant terms" of P_3, Q_3, M_3 remain in the new system at cubic order. So, with P'_3, Q'_3, M'_3 regarded as arbitrary given polynomials with the correct symmetry, we try to solve the above system with respect to α, β, γ and look to the compatibility conditions under which it can be solved. Let us introduce the coefficients of α, β , and γ : for any $A, B, C \in \mathbb{R}^N$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(A, B; C)_p &= \sum_{i,j,k \geq 1} \alpha_{ijk}^{(p)} a_i b_j c_k, \quad \alpha_{ijk}^{(p)} = \alpha_{jik}^{(p)}, \\ \gamma(A, B; C)_p &= \sum_{i,j,k \geq 1} \gamma_{ijk}^{(p)} a_i b_j c_k, \quad \gamma_{ijk}^{(p)} = \gamma_{jik}^{(p)}, \\ \beta(A, B, C)_p &= \sum_{i,j,k \geq 1} \beta_{ijk}^{(p)} a_i b_j c_k, \quad \beta_{ijk}^{(p)} = \beta_{jik}^{(p)} = \beta_{ikj}^{(p)} = \beta_{kji}^{(p)}. \end{aligned}$$

We will see that the system decouples into systems of equations for the ijk, jki, kij components of α, β, γ . In most cases, these systems can be solved without further consideration. However sometimes, in what we call resonant cases, the resulting system is not solvable since a certain determinant is zero. These compatibility conditions provide the "resonant terms", as it is usual in a normal form technique. Then the result of this section is sum up below.

Lemma 10 *For $p = q^2$, the resonant coefficients are given*

(i) *by*

$$i = q^2, \quad j = k, \quad \text{or } j = q^2, \quad i = k \quad \text{or } k = q^2, \quad i = j,$$

(ii) *and by (with all permutations)*

$$\begin{aligned} i &= K^2, \\ j &= \frac{1}{4}(Q - q + K)^2, \\ k &= \frac{1}{4}(Q + q - K)^2, \end{aligned}$$

where $K \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$, $Q \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ are such that $K + Q$ has the same parity as q , and such that $ijk > 0$.

First step of the proof: The symmetric polynomial β is completely determined by

$$\beta(A, A, A) = \alpha(A, A, A) + M'_3(A, A, A) - M_3(A, A, A),$$

and the unknown cubic polynomials α and γ are now solutions of the system

$$P_3''(A, A; B) = -\partial\alpha(A, A; B) + \alpha(A, A; \partial B) + 2\alpha(A, \partial B; A) - 2\gamma(A, B; A), \quad (32)$$

$$Q_3''(B, B; A) = 2\partial\alpha(A, \partial B; B) + \partial\gamma(B, B; A) - 2\gamma(A, B; \partial B) - \gamma(B, B; \partial A),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} P_3''(A, A; B) &= P_3'(A, A; B) - P_3(A, A; B) - 3(M'_3 - M_3)(A, A, \partial B), \\ Q_3''(B, B; A) &= \partial Q_3'(B, B; A) - \partial Q_3(B, B; A). \end{aligned}$$

The system (32) is indeed the same as in [6], where there is a mistake in the computation of the compatibility conditions. So we present below a (hopefully correct) way to solve it for α and γ .

First observe that (32)₁ is solvable with respect to γ . Indeed, it is an equation of the form

$$\gamma(A, B; A) = F(A, A; B)$$

where F is symmetric with respect to its two first arguments, and we look for γ symmetric in its two first arguments. The solution of this algebraic equation is given by

$$\gamma(B, B; A) = 2F(A, B; B) - F(B, B; A)$$

i.e.

$$\gamma(B, C; A) = F(A, B; C) + F(A, C; B) - F(B, C; A)$$

which allows us to express γ in terms of α and of the known polynomials P_3'' , Q_3'' . The remaining equation for α is complicated, and it is in fact easier to proceed with components as follows.

Equations (32) lead to (for simplicity we now suppress the superscript (p))

$$\begin{aligned} p(j\alpha_{jki} + i\alpha_{kij}) - i\gamma_{jki} - j\gamma_{kij} + (p-k)\gamma_{ijk} &= q_{ijk}'', \\ -p\alpha_{ijk} + k(\alpha_{ijk} + \alpha_{jki} + \alpha_{kij}) - (\gamma_{jki} + \gamma_{kij}) &= p_{ijk}'', \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

where p_{ijk}'', q_{ijk}'' are the known coefficients of $(P_3'')_p$ and $(Q_3'')_p$, and we check that $p_{ijk}'' = p_{jik}'', q_{ijk}'' = q_{jik}''$. The determinant of this system, with respect to $\alpha_{ijk}, \alpha_{jki}, \alpha_{kij}, \gamma_{ijk}, \gamma_{jki}, \gamma_{kij}$ is

$$\tilde{\Delta} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & pj & pi & p-k & -i & -j \\ pj & 0 & pk & -k & p-i & -j \\ pi & pk & 0 & -k & -i & p-j \\ k-p & k & k & 0 & -1 & -1 \\ i & i-p & i & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ j & j & j-p & -1 & -1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}.$$

We obtain γ in terms of α :

$$2\gamma_{ijk} = (i + j - k - p)(\alpha_{ijk} + \alpha_{jki} + \alpha_{kij}) + 2p\alpha_{ijk} + p''_{ijk} - p''_{kij} - p''_{jki}, \quad (34)$$

and eliminate γ to find that

$$\begin{aligned} Q_3'''(B, B; A) &= 3\alpha(A, \partial B; B) - 3\alpha(B, \partial A; B) + \alpha(A, B; \partial B) + \\ &\quad + \partial\alpha(B, B; A) - \partial\alpha(A, B; B) - \alpha(B, B; \partial A) \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} Q_3'''(B, B; A) &= P_3''(A, B; B) - P_3''(B, B; A) + \\ &\quad + \partial^{-1} [Q_3''(B, B; A) - Q_3''(A, B; B)]. \end{aligned}$$

This leads to

$$[p - i + 3(k - j)]\alpha_{jki} + [p - j + 3(k - i)]\alpha_{kij} + 2(k - p)\alpha_{ijk} = -2q_{ijk}''', \quad (36)$$

where

$$2q_{ijk}''' = p''_{kij} + p''_{jki} - 2p''_{ijk} + \frac{1}{p}(2q_{ijk}'' - q_{jki}'' - q_{kij}'').$$

We also observe that

$$q_{ijk}''' + q_{jki}''' + q_{kij}''' = 0$$

by construction, which means that the system (36) for $\alpha_{ijk}, \alpha_{jki}, \alpha_{kij}$ is not sufficient, because we made 3 linearly dependent combinations of the 6 equations (this was the mistake in [6]). To solve the system with respect to $\alpha_{ijk}, \alpha_{jki}, \alpha_{kij}$ we take two of the equations in (36) and a third obtained from replacing γ by its expression in terms of α in (34). We then arrive at a system whose determinant may be written

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 2(k - p) & p - i + 3(k - j) & p - j + 3(k - i) \\ p - k + 3(i - j) & 2(i - p) & p - j + 3(i - k) \\ E + 4p(p - k) & E + 2p(p - i + j - k) & E + 2p(p - j + i - k) \end{vmatrix}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} E &= -3p^2 + 2p(i + j + k) + i^2 + j^2 + k^2 - 2ij - 2ik - 2jk \\ &= 2(i^2 + j^2 + k^2 - p^2) - (i + j + k - p)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Let us define

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 &= i + j + k, \\ S_2 &= i^2 + j^2 + k^2, \\ S_3 &= i^3 + j^3 + k^3. \end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$E = 2(S_2 - p^2) - (S_1 - p)^2.$$

After some computations we find that

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta = & 3E\{4(p-j)(p-k) - (i-j-k+p)^2\} + \\ & - 24p(p+k-i-j)[(i-j)^2 - (p-k)^2], \end{aligned}$$

which appears to be a polynomial in (i, j, k, p) homogeneous of degree 4, and symmetric in (i, j, k) . This becomes

$$\Delta = -3E[E + 8p(S_1 + p)] + 16pF, \quad (37)$$

where

$$F = 4(S_3 - p^3) - (S_1 - p)^3.$$

We observe that

$$E = F = 0$$

for

$$i = p, \text{ and } j = k \text{ or } j = p, \text{ and } i = k, \text{ or } k = p, \text{ and } i = j,$$

and in these cases the determinant Δ vanishes (the matrix has rank one). We need now to study all solutions of $\Delta = 0$. A first easy result is the following

Lemma 11 *For $p = q^2$, the solutions (i, j, k) of $\Delta = 0$ are given by*

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 &= q^2 + 2I, \\ S_2 &= q^4 + 2I^2 + 4qJ, \\ S_3 &= q^6 + 2I^3 + 3J(J + qS_1 + q^3), \end{aligned}$$

where I and J are integers such that the system

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 &= i + j + k, \\ S_2 &= i^2 + j^2 + k^2, \\ S_3 &= i^3 + j^3 + k^3, \end{aligned}$$

defines positive integers i, j, k .

Proof: From $\Delta = 0$, we deduce that if $p = q^2$, then $E = 4qA_1$, $F = 3B_1$. Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned} 2(S_2 - p^2) - (S_1 - p)^2 &= 4qA_1, \\ 4(S_3 - p^3) - (S_1 - p)^3 &= 3B_1, \end{aligned}$$

which implies the existence of integers I , J and B_2 such that $A_1 = 2J$, $B_1 = 4B_2$ and

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 &= q^2 + 2I, \\ S_2 &= q^4 + 2I^2 + 4qJ, \\ S_3 &= q^6 + 2I^3 + 3B_2, \\ B_2 &= J[J + q(S_1 + q^2)], \end{aligned}$$

which proves the lemma 11.

Proof of lemma 10 concluded: We can then check that if $p = q^2$, and $\Delta = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} ij + jk + ki &= I^2 + 2q(qI - J), \\ ijk &= (qI - J)^2, \end{aligned}$$

hence i, j, k are the 3 roots of the cubic equation

$$X^3 - (q^2 + 2I)X^2 + [I^2 + 2q(qI - J)]X - (qI - J)^2 = 0,$$

which may be written as

$$X(X - I)^2 - [q(X - I) + J]^2 = 0. \quad (38)$$

(i) If in (38), $X = I$, then $J = 0$ and the result (i) of Lemma 10 holds.

(ii) Assume $X \neq I$. Then there exists $K \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$ such that $X = K^2$, hence $J = (K - q)(K^2 - I)$, and (38) reads

$$(X - K^2) [(X - I)^2 + (K^2 - q^2)(X - I) + (K^2 - I)(K - q)^2] = 0.$$

The two remaining roots need to be integer, hence there is $Q \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ such that

$$(K + q)^2 - 4(K^2 - I) = Q^2.$$

In other words

$$I = K^2 + \frac{1}{4}[Q^2 - (K + q)^2],$$

and the two remaining roots are given by the formulas in lemma 10. This completes the proof.

Lemma 10 above gives all resonant terms for the components $p = q^2$ of cubic coefficients P_3 , Q_3 , M_3 which corresponds to the coefficients $p_{ijk}^{(q^2)}$, $q_{ijk}^{(q^2)}$, $m_{ijk}^{(q^2)}$ we cannot cancel via the previous change of variables. This corrects the wrong result given in section 3 of [6]. However we don't use this normal form here since there are lot of terms not easy to write explicitly. Moreover, the computation of the bifurcation equation may be done without worrying about the non resonant terms.

11 Appendix C

The term $\frac{q^5}{4}A_{q^2}^3$ comes from

$$\frac{A_{q^2}^3}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left(\frac{-2q^6}{q} \cos^2(qt) \sin^2(qt) + q^5 \cos^4(qt) \right) dt.$$

Now, for $j \leq q-1$, we have

$$0 = \int_0^{2\pi} \left(\frac{-2q^4 j^2}{q} \cos^2(jt) \sin^2(qt) + 2j^2 q^3 \cos^2(jt) \cos^2(qt) \right) dt,$$

and for $j \geq q+1$, we have

$$0 = \int_0^{2\pi} \left(\frac{-q^4 j^2}{q} \cos^2(jt) \sin^2(qt) - \frac{q^3 j^4}{j^2} \sin^2(jt) \cos^2(qt) + 2j^2 q^3 \cos^2(jt) \cos^2(qt) \right) dt.$$

The only non trivial result comes from the computation of $b_{jmr}^{(q)}$ coming from the terms such that $(q, j, r, m) \in \mathcal{K}$ in the expression

$$l_{q^2}(\mathcal{N}(X_0^{(3)}; 0)) = \frac{q^5}{4}A_{q^2}^3 + \sum_{(q,j,r,m) \in \mathcal{K}} b_{jmr}^{(q)} A_{j^2} A_{m^2} A_{r^2},$$

$$b_{jmr}^{(q)} = \frac{q^2 mr}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \cos jt (-q \cos qt \sin mt \sin rt + \\ + m \sin qt \cos mt \sin rt + r \sin qt \sin mt \cos rt) dt.$$

In fact we can consider the symmetrized version $b_{jmr}^{(q)} + b_{mjr}^{(q)}$ since the expression is symmetric in (j, m) . Hence we have

$$b_{jmr}^{(q)} + b_{mjr}^{(q)} = \frac{q^2 r}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \{ m \cos jt (-q \cos qt \sin mt \sin rt + \\ + m \sin qt \cos mt \sin rt + r \sin qt \sin mt \cos rt) + \\ + j \cos mt (-q \cos qt \sin rt \sin jt + \\ + r \sin qt \cos rt \sin jt + j \sin qt \sin rt \cos jt) \} dt.$$

For $r^2 = q^2 + m^2 + j^2$, we have $j+r \neq |m-q|$, $r+m \neq |j-q|$, $r+q \neq |m-j|$, $m+j \neq |q-r|$, hence

$$b_{jmr}^{(q)} + b_{mjr}^{(q)} = \frac{q^2 r}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} (m^2 \sin(q+j)t \sin(r+m)t + \\ + j^2 \sin(q+m)t \sin(j+r)t + \\ + \frac{1}{2} \{ (q+r)(m-j) + j^2 - m^2 \} \sin(m-j)t \sin(q-r)t + \\ + \frac{1}{2} \{ (r-q)(m+j) - m^2 - j^2 \} \sin(m+j)t \sin(r+q)t) dt.$$

Then, we might have non zero terms if either $r + m = q + j$, or $j + r = q + m$, or $r + q = m + j$. It is then easy to check that in all these cases the integral vanishes.

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